

REMARKS

Claims 20 through 30 are pending in this application. Claims 26-30 have been withdrawn.

The Office Action asserts that an election of a single invention is required, as defined by claims 20-25 drawn to an apparatus or claims 26-30 drawn to a method. Applicants respectfully traverse because each of the groups as set forth in the Office Action has the common invention set forth in independent claims 20 and 26. Moreover, it would be more efficient to search and examine these two groups together. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to comply fully with the election requirement, applicants elect with traverse to prosecute group 1, which includes claims 20-25. Consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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Sincerely,



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